

Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi Issues Statement on Assembly Health Care Vote

“Today’s vote by the State Assembly moves California a step closer to offering affordable health care for every California family.

“Having served as Insurance Commissioner for 8 years, I know firsthand that a truly universal healthcare plan will only be achieved in the context of serious insurance reform. Under the current system, insurers do everything possible to avoid covering the very people who need health care the most. Last week’s news of 1,200 alleged violations of the law by Blue Shield exemplify exactly what is wrong with our broken system.

“I firmly believe California should eventually adopt a single-payer system which ensures basic coverage for all Californians, regardless of health status or income level. AB1X1 moves California closer to that goal.

“I encourage the Governor and the legislative leadership to hold fast to the central tenets of access and affordability for all, so that our state’s hopes for a fair system which promotes our state’s economic vitality may be achieved.”

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